

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 02352 092046Z

73

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
----- 046578

O 092020Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3983

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2352

EXDIS

FOR SEELYE FROM SCHAUFEELE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, AO, US

SUBJ: SUGGESTED REPLY TO ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO'S
COMMUNICATION

REF: STATE 222546

1. I AM SOMEWHAT AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE I DO NOT
HAVE TELEGRAM TRANSMITTING NETO MESSAGE THROUGH SWEDISH
PRIME MINISTER. NOR HAVE I SEEN A REPORT OF AMB
SCHERER'S CONVERSATION WITH FIGUEIREDO.

2. HOWEVER, I DO AGREE THAT A REPLY SHOULD BE MADE
AND MY SUGGESTIONS ON THE TEXT FOLLOW AT THE END OF
THIS MESSAGE.

3. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT MAKE ALLUSION TO ANGOLA
AS A FRONTLINE STATE WHATEVER ITS OWN ASPIRATIONS.
IF WE ACCEPT THAT DESIGNATION, WE ALSO ACCEPT THE
OBLIGATION TO CONSULT IN SOME FASHION WITH ANGOLA ON
SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WHICH I BELIEVE WE ARE NOT
PREPARED TO DO. ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAVE NO OBJECTION
TO THE REFERENCE TO NETO'S ATTENDANCE AT THE DAR ES
SALAAM SUMMIT.

4. IN THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE TO PALME, FIRST
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 02352 092046Z

PARAGRAPH, FIRST SENTENCE, I WOULD DELETE "DIRECT."

THE END OF THE SECOND SENTENCE I WOULD CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:
"AND MAY PROVIDE AN OPENING TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS."

5. IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE MESSAGE TO PALME,
I WOULD SUBSTITUTE "WE" FOR "I" AFTER "MEANWHILE,"
DELETE "AS ONE OF THE FRONTLINE STATES" AND SUBSTITUTE
"IS PREPARED TO."

6. REGARDING PARA 3 REFTEL (FIRST PARA OF MESSAGE TO
ANGOLANS), THERE IS A REFERENCE TO "OUR ECONOMIC ACTIONS
OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS." THIS MAY CONVEY MORE
SIGNIFICANCE THAN WE ACTUALLY INTEND, TO BOTH ANGOLANS
AND SWEDES. I DO NOT RECALL ALL THE "ECONOMIC ACTIONS"
BUT I WOULD THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO STATE
THIS POINT AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE SOUGHT TO MAKE THIS
CLEAR THROUGH OUR ACTION ON CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MATTERS
OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS."

7. IN THE SECOND PARA OF THE MESSAGE TO THE ANGOLANS,
I BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT MAKE A REFERENCE TO UPHEAVALS WHICH
HAVE OCCURRED IN ZAIRE, A STATE FRIENDLY TO THE US.
THEREFORE, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT "SOVEREIGN STATE"
BE FOLLOWED BY "WHICH WOULD BE SPARED THE CONVULSIONS
OF CIVIL WARFARE."

8. REGARDING THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE MESSAGE
TO THE ANGOLANS, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: "IN THIS
REGARD, WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT
INDICATIONS GIVEN TO US OFFICIALS BY THE ANGOLAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN THAT THE CUBAN FORCES WOULD
CONFINE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COUNDARIES OF ANGOLA
ITSELF. A POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS
OF NEIGHBORING TERRITORIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOAL
WE ALL SEEK OF A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE
AND INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.
ANGOLA IS IN A POSITION TO PLAN A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE
DELICATE PROCESS EVOLVING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

". THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME PRESIDENT NETO'S
VIEWS ABOUT HOW WE COULD BEST DEVELOP OUR CONTACTS IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LUSAKA 02352 092046Z

A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY AND ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE CAN HAVE
AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA."

9. MY CHANGES IN THESE TWO PARAS ARE DESIGNED TO ALERT
THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA TO THE SIGNIFICANCE WE WOULD
ATTACH TO INTERVENTION IN NAMIBIA WHICH, WITH A
REFERENCE TO "AFRICAN STATES," THE DRAFT WORDING COULD

BE INTERPRETED TO ENCOURAGE. WHATEVER FIGUERIDO ACTUALLY
SAID WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN INTERPRETATION. SECONDLY,
I DO NOT WISH TO GIVE NETO THE IMPRESSION THAT WE
CONSIDER HIM SOMEONE WITH WHOM WE WERE READY TO DISCUSS
THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA IN ANY
REGULAR WAY. RATHER PREFER TO PUT THE EMPHASIS ON OUR
OWN RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA.

9. I HAVE SLUGGED THIS TELEGRAM EXDIS AND BELIEVE THAT
THE REFTEL SHOULD ALSO BE UPGRADED TO EXDIS AND UNNECESSARY
DISTRIBUTION BE REMEDIED.
LOW

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, RECOGNITION, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LUSAKA02352
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760341-0311
From: LUSAKA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760978/aaaacoub.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 76 STATE 222546
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 JUL 2004 by MartinML>; APPROVED <18 OCT 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SUGGESTED REPLY TO ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO'S COMMUNICATION
TAGS: PFOR, AO, US, XJ, (NETO, AGOSTINHO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006